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FOR EA/TB GEORGE ROBERTS

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TAGS: OCON, TH

SUBJ: IGA WORLD CUP

1. SEVERAL PROMINENT THAI HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO THE DCM OVER REPORTS THAT THE WORLD CUP GOLF MATCH, NOW SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THAILAND THIS DECEMBER, MIGHT BE SHIFTED TO ANOTHER LOCATION BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THIS REGION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS PERSONALLY INVOLVED, AND AMBASSADOR ANAN PANYARACHAN HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO HOWARD CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN EXPRESS AND A KEY FIGURE IN THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION, URGING THAT THERE BE NO CHANGE IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH IGA HAS SIGNED WITH THE THAI SPONSORS OF THE MATCH.

2. FOR OUR OWN BACKGROUND WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD OBTAIN ON WHETHER THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT THE IGA MATCH MIGHT REPUDIATE ITS AGREEMENT REGARDING THIS YEAR'S GOLF CUP. IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN, WE WOULD FACE ANOTHER PROBLEM WITH A NUMBER OF PROMINENT THAI WHO WOULD REGARD THIS AS BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN-DOMINATED IGA. UNLESS YOU SEE OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS, PERHAPS A DISCREET QUERY OF HOWARD CLARK OR OTHERS IN THE IGA WOULD INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS A REAL PROBLEM.

3. PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST ANY INFORMATION YOU OBTAIN.  
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